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**PART--I-- Orders and Notifications by the Government of Tripura,
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**GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA
DOFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE & COLLECTOR
WEST TRIPURA DISTRICT
(JUDICIAL SECTION)**

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Dated, Agartala, the 13th February, 2023

**ORDER
(U/S 144 Cr. P.C.)**

WHEREAS, Poll in connection with the General Elections to Legislative Assembly of Tripura, 2023 shall take place in all the 789 polling stations of West Tripura District on **16th February, 2023 from 7:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M.**

AND

WHEREAS, Under Section 126 of the Representation of Peoples Act, 1951, in the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for the close of Poll i.e. 4.00 PM of 14th February, 2023 the election campaigning through public meeting, mass rallies, processions, etc. shall come to an end;

AND

WHEREAS, strict vigil needs to be maintained in the Poll bound areas so as to ensure that no unscrupulous elements are able to engage in nefarious activities such as illegal distribution of cash, gifts, liquor etc. to unduly induce and influence the electors/ Voters for extracting political mileage;

AND

WHEREAS, there is apprehension of illegal assembly, breach of peace & public tranquility by unscrupulous anti social and criminal elements in various polling areas of West Tripura District which may disrupt peaceful poll process;

Now, Therefore in exercise of the powers conferred Under Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code-1973, I **Sri Debapriya Bardhan, IAS, District Magistrate & Collector, West Tripura District** do hereby pass the order to prohibit any kind of assembly consisting of five or more persons with or without weapons or weapon like objects such as lathi, sticks, iron rods, bamboos, stones or any object which may be used as weapon of offence and also hereby prohibit holding of any public meeting, rally, gathering, public address with or without use of loudspeakers etc. anywhere within the limits of West Tripura District including that of the 200 meters periphery of any polling station. Also I do hereby prohibit two or more number of motorbikes or motorcars moving together in any area which also amounts a sort of illegal assembly;

However, as per the guideline of Election Commission of India, peaceful door to door visit is permissible provided -

- A.** There should not be five or more persons including the Candidate in such visits, otherwise it shall be treated as illegal assembly.
 - B.** Any Candidate or the persons with him/her should not indulge in any kind of inducement, distribution of cash or kind or should not intimidate or threaten the voters.
 - C.** Such visits if required should be done from 7:00 A.M in morning to 7:00 P.M in evening only, so as to ensure peace and rest to the Citizens including the women, children and patients.
 - D.** There should not be any kind of display of flag/banners, symbols of party during such visits.
 - E.** The members of such assembly should be voter of that particular Assembly Constituency where such visits are undertaken and in no case there should be person who have been brought from outside of the constituency and who are not voters of the Constituency.
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The purpose of this Prohibitory Order is not disrupt the day to day life of the responsible and duty bound citizens of the District but to maintain overall peace, tranquility and law & order so as to conduct peaceful, free and fair polls as per the guidelines of the Election Commission of India.

The prohibitory Order shall not be applicable for;

1. Polling Personnel and CAPF, Police on election duty or their vehicles or any other persons such as media person with valid Passes, drivers and cleaners etc. or vehicles engaged in election duty.
2. For the voters having valid Identity Cards who are coming to the Polling Stations for casting their votes on foot or in their own vehicles and standing in the voters' queue inside the premises of the Polling Station in a well-disciplined manner.
3. For the voters having valid Identity Cards by taking their personal vehicles with only the family members outside the periphery of 200 (two hundred) meters of the Polling Station for purpose of voting at the Polling Station but not carrying any other voters/electors apart from the family members as per instruction of Election Commission of India.
4. Government servant or Police personnel/CAPF/Armed Forces on routine Government duty.
5. Gathering for educational purposes at various Educational Institutions during the day time.
6. Routine functioning of Government or Private Officers.
7. Normal passengers or vehicular transport provided that transport vehicles should not carry or transport the voters /electors for purpose of voting.
8. Normal religious gatherings at the time of prayers at religious places or places of worship of social function such as marriages and birthday ceremonies etc. provided that there is no any kind of distributions of cash or kind to anybody shall be done in such function /ceremonies.
9. Normal business and transactions in all the markets and mandirs/Religious places except that of any gathering of political or criminal nature.
10. Motor cars of Candidates duly approved by the concerned Returning Officers or any other Motorcar duly permitted by the Competent Election authority.

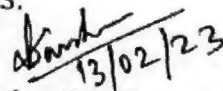
This order shall be valid from 4:00 P.M of 14th February, 2023 to 6:00 A.M of 17th February, 2023.

Whoever violates this prohibitory Order shall be punishable under Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

Due to emergent nature of the situation, this prohibitory Order has been issued ex-parte and is addressed to the public in general.

The Superintendent of Police, West Tripura District shall initiate necessary action against the violators as per provisions of law for violation of the provision of this order.

Issued under my hand and seal on 13th February, 2023.


(Debapriya Bardhan, IAS)
District Magistrate & Collector
West Tripura District